



Ocean Springs School District Request for Proposal:

Lawn Care SY21-25

The Ocean Springs Board of Education invites you to submit a proposal for Lawn Care SY21-25. This invitation will be advertised in the MS Press and specifications and guidelines may be obtained by emailing Amy Armata, Purchasing, aarmata@ossdms.org or visiting the Ocean Springs School District website at the following address: www.ossdms.org Official Bid Documents may also be downloaded, and electronic bids may be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. Bids shall be received electronically until the date/time as stated below. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. Electronic submittal of Bids is not required. Proposals may be delivered to the Ocean Springs School District Business Office, 2300 Government St. Ocean Springs, MS 39564, ATTN: Amy Armata, Purchasing. Proposals are to be in a sealed envelope clearly marked:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS-LAWN CARE SY21-25.

Bid & Implementation Timeline:

Posting of Bid Notice to the State Bid Bank	5/6/2020
First Publication of the Bid Notice by the Newspaper	5/6/2020
Second Publication of the Bid Notice by the Newspaper	5/13/2020
Bidder Specification Response Form Return Deadline	5/26/2020, 2:00 PM CDT
Pre-Bid Meeting	5/14/2020, 9:00 AM CDT
Recommendation to the BOT	6/9/2020

Purpose and Need

The purpose for this bid is to furnish lawn care services and grounds maintenance for the Ocean Springs School District. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids either in whole or in part, or to reject a bid which is in any way incomplete or irregular and to waive informality or waive any part thereof.

Instructions

A meeting will be held at the Operations Department Building located at 1005 Hanley Rd., Ocean Springs, MS, on May 14, 2020 at 9:00 AM. At this time prospective vendors will be able to view the OSSD campuses and ask questions regarding lawn care and grounds maintenance. This is the only time available for questions and review of OSSD properties, no other pre-bid meeting will be offered.

Lawn Care Services Contract

This agreement is entered into between:

(Hereinafter referred
to as "Contractor")

And

Ocean Springs School District
PO Box 7002
Ocean Springs, MS 39566-7002

(Hereinafter referred
to as "Customer")

For the Buildings:

Oak Park Elementary, Magnolia Park Elementary,
Pecan Park Elementary, N.E. Taconi Elementary playground,
OS Upper Elementary, OS Middle School, (Hereinafter referred
OS High School, Keys Alternative Education Center, to as "Building")
Greyhound Stadium Complex, Operations/Maintenance
Complex, Central Administration Building, Storage Building,
and Athletics Complex. This does not include cutting the baseball playing surface
located at Greyhound Stadium nor the softball field located at the OSHS.

IN CONSIDERATION of mutual benefits and covenants contained herein, Contractor and Customer agree as follows:

1. **Employment.** Customer hereby employs Contractor to provide lawn care services to the above referenced Buildings.
2. **Scope of Work.** Contractor agrees to supply all labor, equipment, and material necessary to perform services as outlined on Exhibit A. Customer or its agent shall notify Contractor of any change in the areas to be serviced and the date such change shall become effective, said notice to be in writing and received by the Contractor before the effective date of the change.
3. **Contractor Employees.** Contractor shall perform the following duties:
 - (a) Contractor shall use reasonable efforts to employ only persons skilled in the performance of lawn care services;
 - (b) Contractor shall certify compliance with OSSD School Board Policy FGDB using form FGDB-E(1) (attached);
 - (c) Contractor shall be willing to work with police and submit employees to polygraph tests upon demand of the Ocean Springs School District if the police department feels that it may help in solving cases involving the Ocean Springs School District;
 - (d) Contractor shall furnish each employee with a form of identification showing the name of the employee and clearly showing that he is an employee of the Contractor;
 - (e) Contractor shall direct its employees to be neatly attired during the performance of the services hereunder;

- (f) Contractor shall insure no smoking, interactions with students, foul language, yelling or fighting will be permitted on the Ocean Springs School District properties;
 - (g) Contractor shall comply with and inform its employees of safety and health requirements necessary to comply with the 1970 Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA);
 - (h) Contractor shall designate a supervisor who will be instructed to check the quality of services provided by Contractor employees in performing this Contract;
 - (i) Contractor shall comply with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986;
 - (j) Contractor must maintain a license to do business in the State Of Mississippi;
 - (k) Contractor will be responsible for bodily injury and/or property damage caused as a result of services provided.
4. **Customer Inspection.** Labor, materials, and supplies furnished by Contractor shall be subject to inspection at any time by the Customer, his agent, or representative. Customer shall notify Contractor of any objections it has to the service performed within five (5) days after the date such services in question were performed. Contractor shall have the right to improve said services within (5) days from the date of the Customer's notice to conform with the Customer's desires as specified in said notice without being in default. Failure of the Customer to give notice in writing objecting to Contractor's performance hereunder shall constitute acceptance of Contractor's performance and Customer shall have no right to withhold payment of any amounts hereunder for the past failure to perform on the part of the Contractor. If notice is given and Contractor fails to perform, the Customer has right to withhold payment until such time as proper service is performed.
5. **Insurance.** Contractor shall maintain insurance of the following types and amounts:
- (a) Commercial General Liability - Combined Single Limit in an amount of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence with \$2,000,000.00 aggregate;
 - (b) Commercial Auto Liability - Combined Single Limit in an amount of \$1,000,000.00; Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance;
 - (c) Workers' Compensation Limits: Statutory-State of Mississippi. Policy shall include a waiver of subrogation in favor of Ocean Springs School District. Employers' Liability: \$100,000.00 Each Accident; \$500,000.00 Disease Policy Limit; \$100,000.00 Disease Each Employee;
 - (d) The Ocean Springs School District shall be named as an additional insured on the General Liability Policy and Automobile Policy;
 - (e) Fidelity bonds shall be secured on all of Contractor's employees in amounts not less than \$5,000.00 per individual and \$25,000.00 per occurrence; and,
 - (f) Proof of coverage must be placed on file with the school district by the Contractor and kept current throughout the term of this Contract.
6. **Customer Non-Interference.** The parties hereby mutually acknowledge that Contractor has a substantial investment in the training and preparation of its employees in order for the Contractor to fulfill its obligations hereunder.
- (a) Contractor must advise and discipline its employees for discussing employment matters with the Customers personnel;
 - (b) During the term of the Contractor's employment and for a period of three (3) months following the termination thereof, Customer agrees not to employ for the purpose of performing lawn care services at the Buildings, any employee of Contractor who performed services pursuant to this Contract;
 - (c) Contractor shall waive the terms of the above items, in consideration of a mutually agreed fee paid to the Contractor for the employment of Management and/or Supervision staff.

7. **Liability for Loss.** Contractor shall be responsible for and shall indemnify and hold harmless Customer from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, or damages which may be suffered by, accrued against, charged to, or recoverable from the Customer by reason of the sole negligence or proven dishonesty of Contractor, its employees or agents in connection with the performance of the services hereunder.
8. **Miscellaneous.**
- (a) This contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi.
 - (b) This contract constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and all additions or changes hereto shall be in writing;
 - (c) The continuing covenants of the parties contained in this contract shall survive the termination thereof;
 - (d) By the signature below, the individual executing this Contract on behalf of the Customer has full power and authority to execute this Contract and thereby bind, jointly and severally, Customer (if other than owner of Building) and owner of Building to the terms of this Contract;
 - (e) If any portion of this Contract be legally adjudicated invalid or unenforceable, the parties do hereby covenant and agree that such portion or portions are absolutely and completely severable for all other portions of this Contract, and such other provisions shall constitute the agreement of the parties.
9. **Terms of Service.** The terms of this Contract shall commence July 1, 2020 and shall continue until June 30, 2025. The Customer and the Contractor may mutually agree on or before June 30, 2021 to extend the terms of the contract for a period of up to four successive years, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees on an annual basis. In the event the Contract is extended, the terms set forth herein shall remain in full force and effect unless modification in writing by both parties. That either party may terminate this Contract by providing the other party with sixty (60) days advanced notice of the intent to quit. That upon serving written notice to the other party, the party desiring to terminate the Contract shall comply with all terms set forth herein until the expiration of the sixty (60) day period. Additional services must be mutually agreed upon by both parties.
10. **Work Hours.** Contractor is required to schedule its services with the Director of Operations prior to the beginning of each cycle. The Contractor shall use reasonable efforts not to interfere with the normal routine of the Building's tenants.
11. **Compensation.** Throughout the term of this Contract, Customer shall pay to the Contractor the sum of \$_____ per cycle based on specifications in accordance with the following terms:
- (a) Payment will be made no later than forty-five (45) days after the month that the contract begins assuming:
 - (1) There are no unresolved problems with the service as outlined in Section 4;
 - (2) There is a duplicate copy of a bill for the appropriate amount presented to the Ocean Springs School District Business Office no later than five days after the end of the service month;
 - (3) There are no additional charges on the bill that were not specifically approved by the Superintendent or the Director of Operations;
 - (4) There is no liability and/or insurance problems with required coverages and limits.

- (b) Customer acknowledges that Contractor's compensation is based on Contractor not working these days: Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Labor Day.
- (c) Extra services/special projects must be specifically authorized by the Superintendent or Director of Operations at the costs accepted on the Contractor's proposal.

12. This Contract or portions of may not be assigned or transferred without the prior written consent of both parties.

13. It is the sole responsibility of the Contractor to obtain all necessary licenses and permits required by Federal, State, County, and Local regulations and ordinances.

14. In the event that the Contractor shall file bankruptcy, the Customer should be entitled to terminate the contract upon providing 5 days written notice to the Contractor.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this contract has been executed on the dates listed under the signatures of the parties below and shall become binding when the fully executed contract is approved by the Ocean Springs Board of Trustees.

Contractor

Ocean Springs School District

Date: _____

Date: _____

Exhibit A – Lawn Care Services

Scope of Work:

Every cycle shall include:

1. Pick up and haul off paper, debris and tree limbs before grass is cut.
2. Mowing of grass in all areas between any fences and public roads including ditches. This includes the front and rear ditches at OSHS. Alternate directions should be implemented before wheel ruts become noticeable. Mowing height on non-irrigated portions should be a minimum of two (2") inches and a maximum of three (3") inches.
3. Edge all sidewalks, walkways, curbs, driveways and ornamental beds.
4. Trim with a polyline handheld trimmer (weed eater) the grass around all buildings, shrubbery, trees and fence lines and around inaccessible portions of school grounds and other stationary objects to maintain the same thickness as the mowed portion of turf. Contractor shall take measures to prevent scalping or bare grounding around trees, light poles, sidewalks, curbs and other stationary object.
5. Keep fences clear of all weeds, vines and small trees during the contract period.
6. Trim all shrubbery to maintain shrubbery from touching the buildings or other structures.
7. All ornamental beds, parking lot joints, sidewalks and curbs are to be kept grass and weed free. Ornamental beds will be kept weed free by hand weeding.
8. Blow and/or sweep grass clipping from driveways, sidewalks, walkways, roadways, patios and ornamental beds.*
9. Application of herbicides as needed for pest and weed control. Playground areas to be serviced by the OSSD and not the contractor.

Twice per year:

Pruning/Trimming of limbs from small trees to include low hanging limbs**

Mulch all campuses and facility grounds, once being a week prior to the start of school and the second time during Mardi Gras break. The contractor will provide the mulch and any needed supplies. This does not include the playground areas at any OSSD location.

Quarterly:

OS High School south outfall ditch cut quarterly***

As needed:

Replacement of dead/damaged landscaped plants at OS High School and Administration Building****

*Debris includes grass trimmings, leaves, and small limbs.

**Limb removal/pruning will be scheduled at discretion of Director of Operations and should be included in the cost of the cycle. Limb removal/pruning will not be billed as a separate cycle.

***South outfall ditch cutting should be included in the cost of the cycle. South outfall ditch cutting will not be billed as a separate cycle.

****Replacement of plants must be discussed with the Director of Operations and price quotes given for plants prior to installation.

The District may request a quote for special services or projects outside of the services shown above. These requests will be discussed with the Contractor and a quote will be obtained for those projects. These services will not be a part of the annual contract, but paid on an as-needed basis.

The District anticipates this contract to require between 18-26 cycles depending on its needs. District does not guarantee a specific number of cycles.

Lawn Care Service Evaluation Matrix

Evaluation Matrix:

Price (low to high)	10 points
Experience (comparable commercial properties)	15 points
References (favorable)	5 points
Equipment (sufficient)	<u>5 points</u>
Total Possible Points	35 points

Ocean Springs School District Board Policy
Policy FGDB: Project Administration Contract Awards Procedure

Whenever the Ocean Springs School District contracts for janitorial, landscaping, vending services, lawn service transportation, construction or any other service, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall ensure the following:

1. The contracting entity shall provide the district with a list of all employees who may come into contact with students.
2. The contracting entity shall certify in writing that each employee who may come into contact with students has completed a criminal history background check and Child Abuse Registry check and that no disqualifying information has been located.
3. The contracting entity shall certify in writing that all employees who may come into contact with students have not been convicted of any crime of violence, serious felony, or any offense listed therein: possession or sale of drugs; murder, manslaughter, or armed robbery; rape, sexual battery, or sex offense as Listed in MS Code Section 45-31-3 (1); child abuse, arson, grand larceny, or burglary; or gratification of lust or aggravated assault. If any employee of a contractor has been determined to be guilty of a crime of violence, serious felony, or any offense as outlined above, the employee of the contractor shall be prohibited from entering district property in the presence of any student.
4. The contracting entity shall certify in writing that no employee has been determined to be a sex offender in the child abuse registry. Any employee identified in the child abuse registry shall be prohibited from entering district property.
5. General Contractors shall also assure that employees of sub-contractors have not been convicted of a crime of violence, serious felony, or any offense included in #3; and, shall further complete child abuse registry checks for employees of all sub-contractors.
6. In the event of an emergency or exceptional circumstance, such as where a student's health or safety is in jeopardy or when immediate repairs are needed to make a building safe for student, the Superintendent may relax the requirements of the policy for a period of time necessary to rectify the exceptional or emergency situation.
7. In situations involving employees of a contracting entity which have no contact with students, the Superintendent shall be authorized to relax the requirements of the policy.
8. The Superintendent may, in his/her discretion, also be authorized to decline enforcement of this policy with respect to vendors who deliver food, supplies, and soda and snack machine vendors.

In the letting of public contracts, preference shall be given to resident contractors, and a nonresident bidder domiciled in a state, city, county, parish, nation or political subdivision having laws granting preference to local contractors shall be awarded Mississippi public contracts only on the same basis as the non-resident bidder's state, city, county, parish, nation or political subdivision awards contracts to Mississippi contractors bidding under similar circumstances. Resident contractors actually domiciled in Mississippi, be they corporate, individuals or partnerships, are to be granted preference over non-residents in awarding of contracts in the same manner and to the same extent as provided by the laws of the state, city, county, parish, nation, or political subdivision of domicile of the non-resident. MS Code Section 31-7-47 (1995)

LEGAL REFERENCE: MS Code as cited

ADOPTED: 01/13/2009

Ocean Springs School District Date Adopted: 1/13/2009

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION CERTIFICATION

The undersigned does hereby certify to the Board of Trustees for the Ocean Springs School District (“District”) as follows:

That I am representative of _____ (“Contractor”), currently under contract with the District; that I am familiar with the facts herein certified and am authorized and qualified to execute this certificate on behalf of Contractor.

Contractor certifies that all of its employees, as well as, employees of subcontractors, who may come into contact with students during the term of the contract with the District have had a criminal background check completed, as well as, a child abuse registry check and none have been located on the child abuse registry nor have any employees been found guilty of any crime of violence, serious felony, or offense listed in the District’s School Board Policy FGDB.

A complete and accurate list of Contractor’s employees and of all of its Subcontractors’ employees who may come in contact with District pupils during the course and scope of the Contract is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

The Contractor’s employees and employees of the Subcontractors that were located on the child abuse registry or who were convicted of a crime of violence, serious felony, or offense listed in the District’s School Board Policy FGDB are as follows:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Contractor acknowledges that he has reviewed School Board Policy FGDB of the Ocean Springs School District.

Dated: _____

Contractor

By: _____

Title: _____

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

**Ocean Springs School District
Lawn Care Services Proposal-Assurances**

Please initial each item listed below. If an item is not initialed, it will be noted that the Contractor does not accept the item. These items will be considered as part of the proposal package.

_____ 1. Contractor acknowledges receipt of Contract language and Scope of Work. Contractor is submitting signed contract and an equipment list as part of bid package.

_____ 2. Contractor acknowledges receipt of Lawn Care Service Evaluation Matrix.

_____ 3. Contractor acknowledges receipt of OSSD policy FGDB and FGDB-E1.

_____ 4. Contractor agrees to complete and submit FGDB-E1 form on their employees if awarded the contract.

_____ 5. Contractor agrees to maintain the proposed prices for the duration of the contract period.

_____ 6. Contractor has checked the Central Bidding website and OSSD website for addenda and receipt of such if applicable.

_____ 7. Contractor agrees and abides by Terms and Conditions set forth in this Bid specification packet.

_____ 8. If Contractor is subcontracting a portion of this contract out, Contractor has included a list of subcontractors and applicable licenses necessary to perform work/service (s) that Contractor cannot perform.

Bid Response Form

Bid Submitted By:

Name of Company:

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

Cost per Cycle: \$ _____

Cost per hour additional work: \$ _____

Cost per hour equipment: \$ _____

Signed Contract Attached _____

Assurances Signed and Attached _____

Subcontractor list and licenses if applicable _____

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Date: _____